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## REPORT ON MECA (1944)

From: MEXICO CITY

To: MOSCOW

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To VIKTOR. [i]

We are reporting information about "FBI". [ii] Fernando MECA Sanchez, 35 years old, native of CARTA....[a]

[52 groups unrecoverable]

[1 group unrecovered] and ARAGON

[12 groups unrecovered].

He emigrated to FRANCE and then to MEXICO. He was a member of the Socialist Youth of SPAIN and after that of the Socialist Party. Here he belongs to PRIETO's [iii] group and enjoys his confidence. However MECA is very disapproving of PRIETO. For many years he has been a member of the Supreme Masonic Council of SPAIN.

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YURIJ [iv]

Note : [a] This could be CARTAGENA.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

[ii] FBI : Presumably not the Federal Bureau of Investigation which has the cover-name "KhATA". First occurrence of this cover-name. It possibly refers to MECA but this is not quite clear from the text.

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[Comments [iii] and [iv] overleaf]

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## PRIETO :

Comments: [iii] / Presumably Indalecio PRIETO, a Spanish politician who was leader of a Socialist minority among the Spaniards in MEXICO. In 1945 he became Vice-Premier of the Spanish Government-in-Exile.

[iv] YURIJ : Lev. A. TARASOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in MEXICO CITY.

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